

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-9 remain in the present application. Independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended.

In the Office Action dated October 6, 2004, the Examiner rejected all of the claims of the present application under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Landresse (U.S. Patent No. 6,351,744). For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection and respectfully requests the withdrawal thereof.

First of all, independent claims 1 and 9 of the present application have been amended so as to clarify "a first interface to an application which initializes access to the data and affords changes to the data" and "a second interface... which... affords changes to the data independent of changes made to the data via the first interface."

Conversely, the Landresse reference merely discloses a multiprocessor system wherein each of the multiprocessors accesses the data of the respective data base system via an intermediate buffer. Moreover, the same data is accessed in a parallel manner such that a simultaneous access is not possible with respect to writing operations relating to the same data elements. Indeed, given a write access to these data elements, Landresse actually provides a software data lock to avoid simultaneous access to the respective data elements (see, for example, Col. 2, lines 14-23).

The presently claimed invention, on the other hand, allows such a write access to data elements that are used together and monitors such write accesses (via the claimed consistency module) and automatically informs the other interfaces about such changes via a message. Applicant respectfully submits that the Landresse reference clearly does not teach or suggest, nor even contemplate, such ability to change data via different interfaces.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 and 9 of the present application, as well as claims 2 and 4-8 which respectfully depend therefrom, are both novel and non-obvious over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant further submits that no additional fees are due in connection with this Response at this time. However, if any additional fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account

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